

CHANGES TO THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

1. (Currently amended) Supporting profile for a system for erecting structures comprising:

longitudinally extending grooves on outside of the supporting profile, which grooves are used for the connection of additional supporting profiles or structural parts of the ~~construction~~ system, a slid-in adapter piece at at least one of its open ends of the supporting profile, the adapter piece having a receiving chamber for a turnbuckle, wherein the adapter piece is inserted in guides pointing toward the interior of the supporting profile and is axially held by means of securing devices which are inserted in bores penetrating the guides,

wherein a ~~disk-type~~ disk-shaped end piece, which is adapted to the cross-section of the supporting profile, is provided for being placed on at least ~~the~~ an open face of the supporting profile and is connected with the adapter piece.

2. (Previously amended) Supporting profile according to Claim 1,

wherein the end piece is constructed as a formed body with a concave recess which is adapted to the external curvature of a round profile.

3. (Previously amended) Supporting profile according to Claim 2,

wherein the formed body is provided with a passage opening for the guiding-through of a turnbuckle.

4. (Previously amended) Supporting profile according to Claim 1,

wherein the end piece is provided with a joint part for the connection with additional profiles.

5. (Previously amended) Supporting profile according to Claim 4,

wherein the joint part includes a first disk which extends perpendicular to the end piece and has a center bore and includes an additional second disk which is connected with the first disk by means of a bolt acting as an axis of rotation and which is equipped with fastening devices for another profile.

6. (Previously amended) Supporting profile according to Claim 5,

wherein the second disk is connected with another end piece.

7. (Previously amended) Supporting profile according to Claim 5,

wherein the second disk is provided with a clamping part for the insertion into one of the longitudinally extending grooves of another supporting profile.

8. (Previously amended) Supporting profile according to Claim 5,

wherein hemispheres are provided for the lateral covering of the disks.

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9. (Previously amended) Supporting profile according to Claim 8,

wherein the hemispheres have a center bore with a thread and, by means of this thread, are screwed onto a thread at the ends of the bolt penetrating the disks.

10. (Currently amended) A supporting profile for erecting a structure, the supporting profile comprising:

an elongated hollow body having first and second ends and a longitudinal groove on outside of the body, ~~the carrying profile~~;

an adapter piece inserted into and secured to the first end of the elongated body, the adapter piece having a receiving chamber for receiving a turnbuckle; and

a ~~disk-type~~ disk-shaped end piece disposed at the first end and connected to the adapter piece, wherein the disk-shaped end piece is fastened to the adapter piece by fasteners.

11. (Previously added) The supporting profile according to Claim 10, wherein the end piece has a concave recess adapted to an external curvature of a round profile.

12. (Previously added) The supporting profile according to Claim 11, wherein the end piece has an opening for the turnbuckle to pass through.

13. (Previously added) The supporting profile according to Claim 10, wherein the end piece has a joint for connection to another profile.

14. (Previously added) The supporting profile according to Claim 13, wherein the joint includes a first disk which extends perpendicular to the end piece and has a center bore, and a second disk having a center bore and being connected with the first disk by means of a bolt extending through the center bores and acting as an axis of rotation, the second disk having a fastening device for connection to another profile.

15. (Previously added) The supporting profile according to Claim 14, wherein the second disk is connected to another end piece.

16. (Previously added) The supporting profile according to Claim 14, wherein the second disk has a clamping part that is configured for insertion into a longitudinal grooves of another supporting profile.

17. (Previously added) The supporting profile according to Claim 14 further comprising first and second hemispheres for covering two sides of each of the first and second disks.

18. (Previously added) The supporting profile according to Claim 17,

wherein each hemisphere has a threaded center bore and can

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(102-13) be screwed onto a threaded end of the bolt.

CHANGES TO THE DRAWINGS:

Applicant hereby respectfully requests permission to change the drawing figure, Figure 4, as indicated in red shown on the attached sheet. These drawing changes do not add new matter to the application.